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1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND VERNACULAR PAPERS IN MALAYSIA, WITH THE CONSPICUOUS EXCEPTION OF THE STRONGLY GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED NEW STRAITS TIMES GROUP, REPORTED TODAY, NOV 5, THAT SELANGOR CHIEF MINISTER DATO HAJI HARUN IDRIS HAS TURNED DOWN THE POST OF MALAYSIAN PERMREP TO UN. A CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION AGAINST HARUN WAS THE STICK AND THE UN JOB THE CARROT IN A AZAK ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE AMBITIOUS AND POLITICALLY POWERFUL HEAD OF UMNO YOUTH.

2. HARUN'S SUPPORTERS HAVE COUNTERATTACKED WITH PLEASE "THAT HE NOT ABANDON THE PEOPLE OF SELANGOR." NOVEMBER 4 THERE WERE UNAUTHORIZED DEMONSTRATIONS APPARENTLY BY HARUN'S UMNO YOUTH FOLLOWERS IN FRONT OF UMNO HEADQUARTERS, AND A PROMINENT CHINESE POLITICIAN TOLD US HE HAS BEEN WARNED TO AVOID CERTAIN HARUN STRONGHOLDS SUCH AS THE DATO KERAMAT VILLAGE IN KUALA LUMPUR, AS THESE AREAS MIGHT BE "SENSITIVE." THE HARUN-CONTROLLED UMNO YOUTH SUPREME COUNCIL HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL MEET NEXT WEEK "TO DISCUSS HARUN'S POSITION."

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3. LIKE SABAH'S TUN MUSTAPHA HARUN IS PROVING TO BE A DIFFICULT
FIGURE TO DISPOSE OF. HIS NATIONAL FOLLOWING OF UMNO YOUTH,
AND HIS STRONG ORGANIZATION IN SELANGOR MAKE HIM A REDOUBTABLE
FOE.
UNDERHILL

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